



**Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report**



2026-2171

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 9093 Zinnia Court, Apt
1209, West Chester, Ohio 45069 (L)

Investigative Activity: Scene Processing
Involves: Lorenzo Miller
Activity Date: 06/04/2026
Activity Location: 9093 Zinnia Court, Apt. 1209, West Chester, Ohio 45069
(Scene #1)
Authoring Agent: Crime Scene Technician Holly Ryczek #205

On Thursday, June 4th, 2026, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Crime Scene Unit (CSU), Force Investigations Unit (FIU), and Special Investigations Unit (SIU) were requested by the West Chester Police Department (WCPD) to investigate an officer involved critical incident. Reportedly, officers responded to a 911 call involving Lorenzo Miller (Miller) and Tiffany Barnes (Barnes). BCI was told officers forced entry into the apartment and encountered Miller holding a knife to Barnes' throat in the second-floor bathroom. In response, one officer fired his weapon at Miller, striking him in the head. Miller was pronounced deceased on scene. Crime Scene Technicians (CST) Holly Ryczek (CST Ryczek) and Mackenzie Brandenburg-Cook (CST Brandenburg-Cook) responded to the scene to assist. Special Agent (SA) Kevin Barkley (SA Barkley) responded to the West Chester Police Department, located at 9577 Beckett Rd 100, West Chester, OH 45069, and documented the involved officer as Scene #3 (*see Processing of Involved Officer*).

Scene #1: 9093 Zinnia Court, Apartment #1209

CST Ryczek and CST Brandenburg-Cook arrived at 9093 Zinnia Court, Apartment #1209, West Chester, Ohio 45069, at approximately 1215 hours. The scene had been cordoned off by WCPD with yellow crime scene tape, multiple law enforcement vehicles, and uniformed personnel. The entire scene was documented through photography as it was upon BCI arrival. A Leica BLK360 3D scanner was utilized to collect measurements of the scene. CST Ryczek was told that the search warrant for the residence had been signed.

A door entry ram was observed to the north of the front door of the apartment in front of a bush. Damage was observed to the front door and front door frame of the apartment consistent with forced entry. The deadbolt of the front door was still engaged.

The residence was described as a two-story apartment with a detached garage. A kitchen, living room, office, and bathroom were located on the first floor. A bedroom, bathroom, and closet were located on the second floor.

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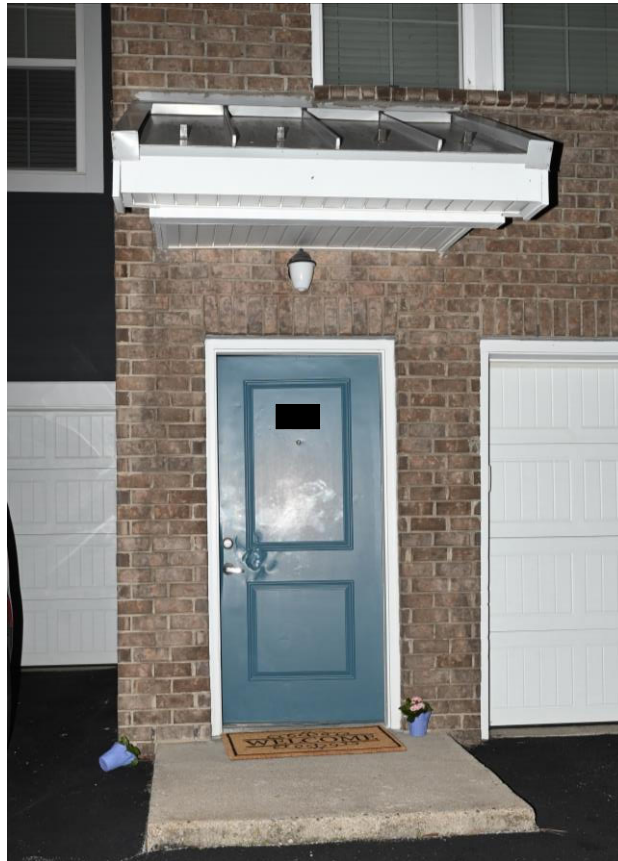


Image 1. Overall of Apartment [REDACTED] front door

The decedent, Miller, was observed to be lying on the floor of the second-floor bedroom. He had been moved from the bathroom to this location so first responders could render aid. He was lying on his back with his head facing east and feet facing west. He had been intubated by first responders. He was wearing a neon yellow T-shirt on his torso and a pair of grey basketball shorts. He had grey Nike brand shoes on his feet.

Butler County Coroner Investigator (BCCI) Colin Barker (BCCI Barker) arrived on scene and assisted with the examination of the decedent. Miller had one suspected gunshot wound to the top left side of his head. He had suspected blood coming from his nose. He had injuries to the inner portion of his right ankle. BCCI Barker bagged the decedent's hands and placed him into a sealed body bag.

To the right of Miller on the floor of the bedroom, a knife was observed. The knife was between the wall of the bedroom and the bed. The knife was a silver "Farberware"

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brand knife. This was consistent with the brand of the knives in the overturned knife block in the kitchen. There was an area of suspected blood on the knife handle. The knife was collected as Item #1.



Image 2. Knife, Item #1

To the west of the bedroom was a short hallway. On the north side of the hallway was a closet, and on the south side of the hallway was a bathroom. The bathroom door was heavily damaged with pieces of the door broken off on the floor as well as the knob. Two phones were observed on the sink counter. One was an iPhone in a gold-tinted case (Item #2) and the other was an iPhone in a pink case (Item #3). A cartridge case was located on the floor of the bathroom underneath the sink cabinet. The cartridge case was a Winchester 9mm luger (Item #4). Suspected blood was observed on the bathroom baseboard along the east wall. The stain appeared to be a transfer¹ stain with flow² coming from it. Suspected brain matter and hair were observed in the stain. Additional suspected blood transfer stains were observed on the doorframe and north wall of the bathroom.

¹ A bloodstain resulting from contact between a blood-bearing surface and another surface.

² A bloodstain resulting from the movement of a volume of blood on a surface due to gravity or movement of the target.

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Image 3. Suspected blood and cartridge case, Item #4

No additional items of evidentiary value were located inside the residence. Barnes' vehicle located in the garage, a black Mercedes with Ohio license plate (KQS2130) and VIN (WDDSJ4GB9JN644918), was searched by BCI personnel; however, no items of evidentiary value were located.

BCI Personnel prepared a printed inventory for the residence (Scene #1). BCI personnel cleared from the scene at approximately 0315 hours. All items of evidence from scenes #1 and #3 were transferred to CST Brandenburg-Cook at approximately 0330 hours.

On June 5th, 2026, at approximately 0441 hours CST Brandenburg-Cook placed all the items from Scenes #1 and #3 in the temporary evidence locker at BCI headquarters in London, OH.

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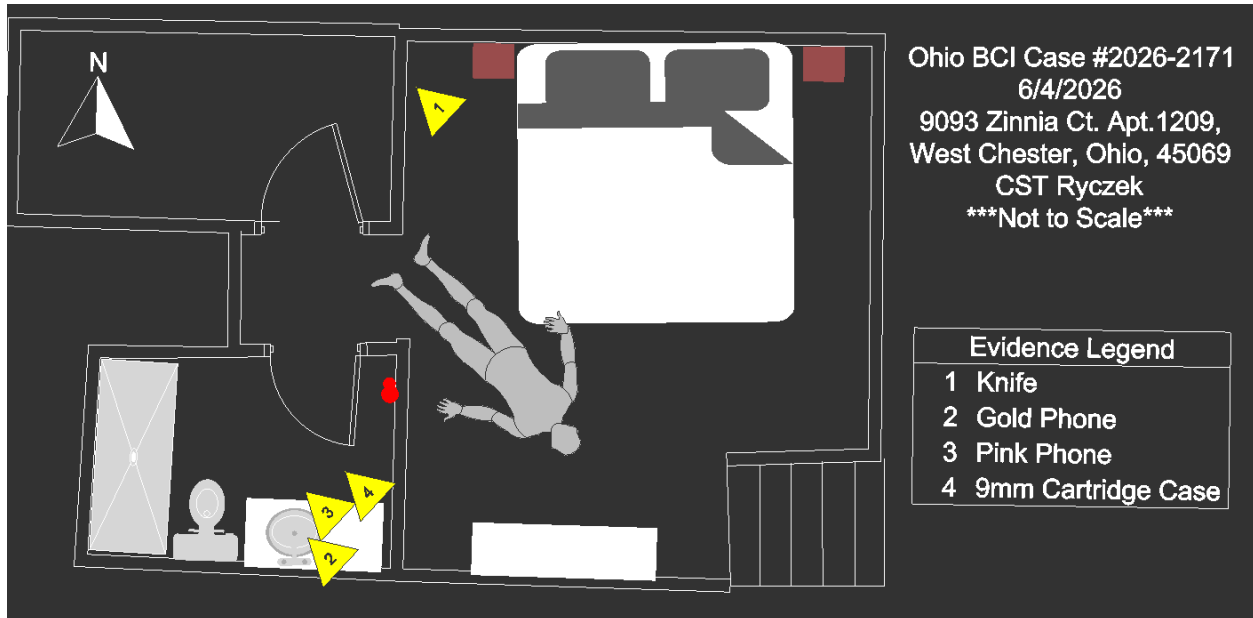


Image 4. Diagram of Apt. 1209 2nd Floor

Scene #2: Property from Autopsy

On June 8th, 2026, at approximately 0930 hours, CST Ryczek collected the items recovered during the autopsy at the Butler County Coroner's Office. These items were processed at BCI Headquarters at approximately 1100 hours. The items included:

- Two projectiles
- One pair of grey sneakers
- One yellow t-shirt
- One pair of grey basketball shorts
- One pair of grey underwear
- One black wallet
- Two packages of pre-packaged marijuana
- Two packages of cigarette wraps
- One package of "Jet Fuel Gumbo" marijuana
- One pink lighter
- \$42 in cash
- One DNA card
- One red bag seal
- Five blue medical gloves
- Right hand bag

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- Left hand bag
- One foreign body
- Oral swabs
- Left hand swabs
- Right hand swabs
- Right hand clippings and scrapings
- Left hand clippings and scrapings

The two projectiles were collected as Item #1. All clothing items were collected as Item #2. Drugs and drug paraphernalia were collected as Item #3. Cash was collected as Item #4. All swabs and biological evidence from Miller were collected as Item #5.

Disposition of Evidence:

On June 8th, 2026, at approximately 1100 hours, CST Ryczek retrieved the items from Scenes #1 and #3 from the temporary evidence locker and processed the items from Scene #2. All items from Scenes #1-#3 were then placed into temporary evidence locker #3.

On June 10th, 2026, at approximately 1045 hours, CST Ryczek retrieved the items from Scenes #1-#3 from temporary evidence locker #3.

The following items were submitted to the BCI laboratory at approximately 1200 hours:

Scene #1 (9093 Zinnia Court): #1 (knife), #4 (9mm cartridge case)

Scene #2 (Autopsy evidence): #1 (projectile)

Scene #3 (Involved Officer): #1 (firearm)

All remaining items were placed into temporary evidence locker #3 to be submitted into the major crimes evidence vault at approximately 1445 hours.

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References:

B. BCI - Crime Scene Photographs

C. BCI - 3D Scan data

Attachments:

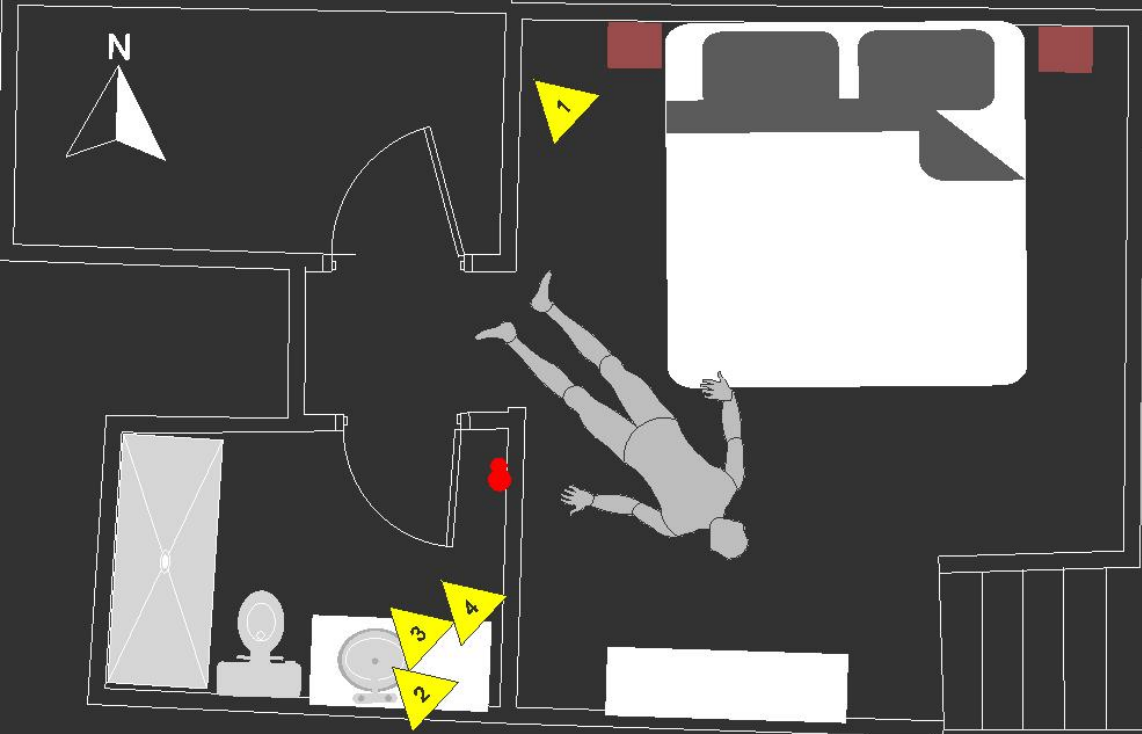
001 - 1209 Zinnia Ct Diagram

002 - Evidence Receipt for Scene 1 - 9093 Zinnia Court West Chester OH

003 - Evidence Receipt for Scene 3 - 9577 Beckett Rd West Chester Township 45069

004 - Evidence Receipt for Scene 2 - Hamilton OH 45011

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6/4/2026
9093 Zinnia Ct. Apt.1209,
West Chester, Ohio, 45069
CST Ryczek
Not to Scale

Evidence Legend

- 1 Knife
- 2 Gold Phone
- 3 Pink Phone
- 4 9mm Cartridge Case

Evidence Receipt for Case #: 2026-2171



Agency:

Prepared By:

Case Date: Jun 5, 2026

Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident

Victim(s):

Witness(es):

Suspect(s):

Scene #: 1

Scene Address: 9093 Zinnia Court, West chester, OH

Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
1	Cardboard Box containing Knife (Kitchen) -- Aluminum Farberware knife	Master bedroom 3rd floor: On floor near left nightstand	Holly Ryczek	Jun 5, 2026
2	Plastic Bag containing Cell Phone -- Gold iPhone	Master bedroom 3rd floor: On master bath countertop	Holly Ryczek	Jun 5, 2026
3	Plastic Bag containing Cell Phone -- Pink iPhone	Master bedroom 3rd floor: On master bath countertop	Holly Ryczek	Jun 5, 2026
4	Envelope containing Fired Cartridge Casing -- WIN 9mm Cartridge case	Master bedroom 3rd floor: On floor of master bathroom	Holly Ryczek	Jun 5, 2026

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Evidence Receipt for Case #: 2026-2171



Agency:
 Prepared By:
 Case Date: Jun 5, 2026
 Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident
 Victim(s):
 Witness(es):
 Suspect(s):
 Scene #: 3
 Scene Address: 9577 Beckett Rd, West Chester Township 45069

Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
1	Gun/Firearm Cardboard Box containing Handgun (Pistol or Revolver) -- Serial Number: [REDACTED] Sig sauer P320 S# [REDACTED] 9mm	[REDACTED]	Kevin Barkley	

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Agency:
 Prepared By:
 Case Date: Jun 5, 2026
 Offense(s): Officer Involved Critical Incident
 Victim(s):
 Witness(es):
 Suspect(s):
 Scene #: 2
 Scene Address: Hamilton , OH 45011

Evidence #	Item Description	Location	Collected By	Date/Time
1	Paper Bag containing Fired Projectile -- Two bullets recovered from autopsy	Lorenzo Miller:	Holly Ryczek	Jun 8, 2026
2	Paper Bag containing T-shirt -- 1 pair of gray sneakers, Yellow tshirt, 1 pair gray basketball shorts, 1 pair gray underwear, black wallet	Lorenzo Miller:	Holly Ryczek	Jun 8, 2026
3	Paper Bag containing Drug Paraphernalia -- Marijuana and miscellaneous paraphernalia	Lorenzo Miller:	Holly Ryczek	Jun 8, 2026
4	Paper Bag containing Bills/Change -- \$42.00 cash	Lorenzo Miller:	Holly Ryczek	Jun 8, 2026
5	Paper Bag containing Finger/Toe Nail Clipping -- Oral swab, left hand swabs, right hand swabs, clippings and scrapings, DNA card, right and left hand bags, 5 medical gloves foreign body	Lorenzo Miller:	Holly Ryczek	Jun 8, 2026

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